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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Senator Hayden returned Mr. Dulles' call of this morning. The Director opened the conversation by saying he was wondering whether it would be possible to set up some time when they could get together on the budget. Senator Hayden asked if the DCI meant the Appropriations Committee, and the Director said he did.

Senator Hayden stated that everyone was so busy with bills, and that he felt that as soon as they could get them out of the way, Congress would want to fold pretty fast. He said he didn't think a hearing was essential at all this year and asked if the DCI felt it was. Mr. Dulles replied that charges were frequently made that nobody really exercises supervision over the Agency. He said he was afraid if they didn't have a meeting, somebody will bring this up some day. He then repeated that he wouldn't take long, and that the group could be very small if the Senator wished.

Senator Hayden said perhaps some kind of a hearing could be arranged, but that he and Russell and Saltonstall have already had a briefing this year. The Director told him this was an intelligence briefing and he (DCI) hadn't gone into his budget, and that he only does that before Hayden's committee. He reminded Senator Hayden that last year he and Senator Saltonstall had a meeting on the budget figures.

A brief discussion ensued concerning the budget -- where it goes -- and the Director stated that it goes in [redacted] [redacted] The Senator replied that he didn't want to know where it goes.

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The Senator then reiterated that all the members of Congress have plenty of problems of their own at this time and plenty to do, and that he didn't know when a meeting could be arranged. The Director repeated that he was afraid that if a meeting wasn't held before the budget was approved, there would be complaints regarding this. The DCI said he could come to Senator Hayden's office some day and that perhaps they could get Senator Saltonstall in, and get together, just the three of them. Senator Hayden repeated that he didn't know when they could find any time, but that he would ask Dick Russell and Lev Saltonstall and see what they had to say about it. The Director thanked him and said he appreciated the chance to talk with him.



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